Pay-ward in the General Hospital.

210 *MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of rooms in the pay-ward section of the General Hospital ;

(*b*) whether each of such rooms is well fitted with the necessary furniture and other convenience like chairs, tables, shelves, proper cots with mosquito curtains, beddings, etc. ;

(*c*) whether any reading materials, like newspapers and magazines, are supplied for the use of such of the patients as may find them useful ; and

(*d*) the number of warders, the number of hours that each of them has to attend and work in the pay-ward as well as in other wards, and

(*e*) whether the rooms in the pay-ward are free from mosquitoes?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Seven. Four rooms in the pay-ward building and three rooms in the general wards.

(*b*) All the rooms are fitted with the necessary furniture.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) Two warders are on duty ; each taking duty from 7 A. M., to 11 A. M., the following day, alternately.

(*e*) Not completely.

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan, Officiating Director of Public Instruction.

211 *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) how many years' service Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan has put in in the Education Department; and

(*b*) whether Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan, the Ag. Director of Public Instruction, is the seniormost officer in the Education Department in the State ?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Over 22 years.

(*b*) The Head of the Department is obviously the most senior officer in the Department.

Rubber Manufacture.

212 *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there is any Travancorean having experience in the manufacture of rubber articles ;

(b) whether any arrangement is made for the training of Travancoreans in the Rubber Factory ; and

(*c*) whether the services of Mr. Helen, the Rubber Expert, would be available for training Travancoreans ?

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